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"DEATH OF A HERO!"
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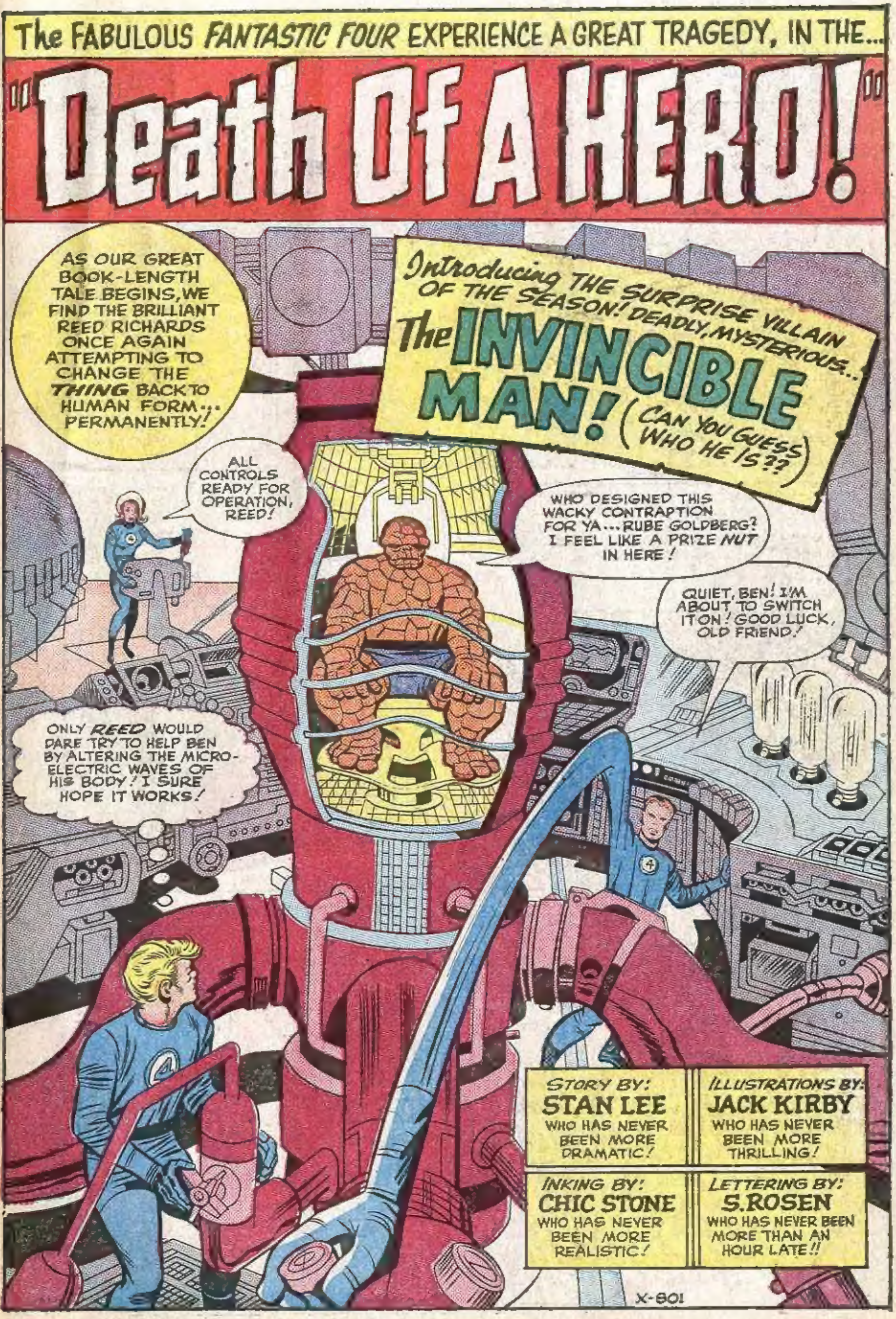
The FABULOUS FANTASTIC FOUR EXPERIENCE A GREAT TRAGEDY, IN THE...
"Death Of A HERO!"
AS OUR GREAT BOOK-LENGTH TALE BEGINS, WE FIND THE BRILLIANT REED RICHARDS ONCE AGAIN ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE THE THING BACK TO HUMAN FORM... PERMANENTLY!
Introducing THE SURPRISE VILLAIN OF THE SEASON! DEADLY, MYSTERIOUS... The INVINCIBLE MAN! (CAN YOU GUESS WHO HE IS??)
ALL CONTROLS READY FOR OPERATION, REED!
WHO DESIGNED THIS WACKY CONTRAPTION FOR YA... RUBE GOLDBERG? I FEEL LIKE A PRIZE NUT IN HERE!
QUIET, BEN! I'M ABOUT TO SWITCH IT ON! GOOD LUCK, OLD FRIEND!
ONLY REED WOULD DARE TRY TO HELP BEN BY ALTERING THE MICRO-ELECTRIC WAVES OF HIS BODY! I SURE HOPE IT WORKS!
STORY BY: STAN LEE WHO HAS NEVER BEEN MORE DRAMATIC!
ILLUSTRATIONS BY: JACK KIRBY WHO HAS NEVER BEEN MORE THRILLING!
INKING BY: CHIC STONE WHO HAS NEVER BEEN MORE REALISTIC!
LETTERING BY: S. ROSEN WHO HAS NEVER BEEN MORE THAN AN HOUR LATE!!
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AND SO, WITH A SILENT PRAYER, THE FABULOUS MR. FANTASTIC ACTIVATES HIS COMPLEX ELECTRONIC MACHINE, AS THE POWERFUL THING SITS MOTIONLESS, NOT KNOWING WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT!
THEN, THERE IS A BLINDING FLASH OF MANY-HUED LIGHTS...
AND, WHEN THE GLARE HAS FADED...
YOU'VE DONE IT, REED! HE'S BEN GRIMM AGAIN!
BUT THAT'S ONLY HALF THE PROBLEM! NOW WE HAVE TO SEE IF THE CHANGE WILL BE PERMANENT... AND IF THERE ARE ANY DANGEROUS AFTER-EFFECTS!
WORKING WITH ALL THE SKILL OF THE SCIENTIFIC GENIUS HE IS, REED FINDS...
PULSE NORMAL! HEART-BEAT STRONG! SO FAR, SO GOOD..!
IF WE'RE SUCCESSFUL, WE'LL HAVE LOST AN IRREPLACEABLE MEMBER OF OUR TEAM, BUT IT WILL BE WORTH IT... FOR BEN'S SAKE!
YOU MEAN... HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO BECOME THE THING AGAIN ??
THAT'S RIGHT, SUE! AFTER 24 HOURS, IF HE IS STILL BEN GRIMM, HE'LL REMAIN THAT WAY FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE!
THEN HE CAN MARRY ALICIA... AND SETTLE DOWN! IF IT'S WHAT HE WANTS!
LET HIM REST NOW! WE'LL CHECK HIM AGAIN IN AN HOUR!
THINGS JUST WON'T SEEM THE SAME WITH-OUT THE THING!!
HE'S MY BIG BUDDY... AND I WANT HIM TO BE NORMAL... TO MARRY THE GAL HE LOVES..
BUT WHY CAN'T HE BE THE THING ALSO ??! HE'S ONE OF US... HE BELONGS!
NUTS!! IF THE EXPERIMENT FAILS, I'LL BE SORRY FOR HIM... BUT IF IT WORKS, I'LL BE SORRY FOR ME! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO HOPE FOR!
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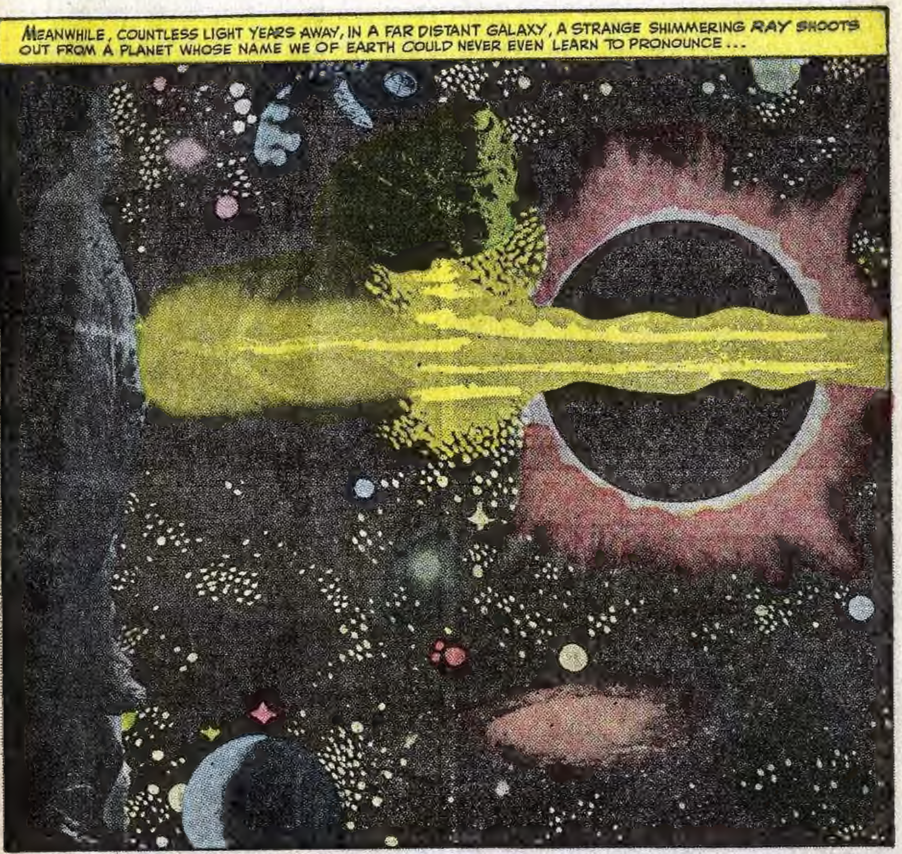
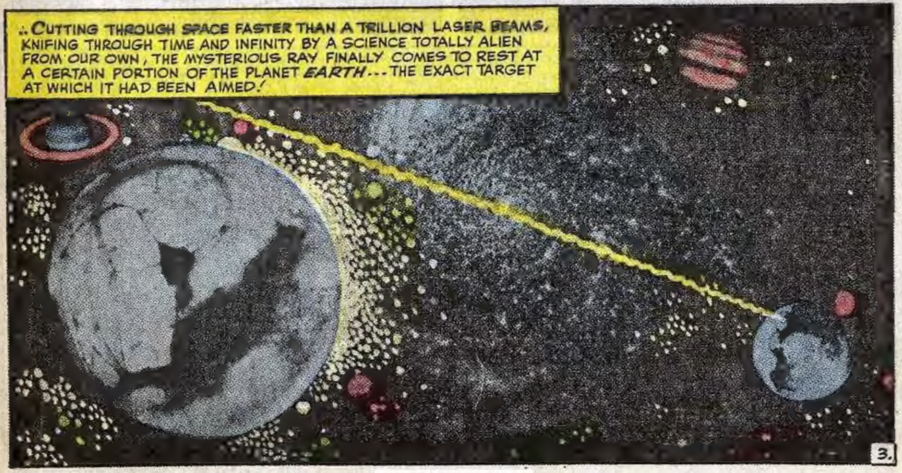

MEANWHILE, COUNTLESS LIGHT YEARS AWAY, IN A FAR DISTANT GALAXY, A STRANGE SHIMMERING RAY SHOOTS OUT FROM A PLANET WHOSE NAME WE OF EARTH COULD NEVER EVEN LEARN TO PRONOUNCE...


..CUTTING THROUGH SPACE FASTER THAN A TRILLION LASER BEAMS, KNIFING THROUGH TIME AND INFINITY BY A SCIENCE TOTALLY ALIEN FROM OUR OWN, THE MYSTERIOUS RAY FINALLY COMES TO REST AT A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE PLANET EARTH--- THE EXACT TARGET AT WHICH IT HAD BEEN AIMED!

AND, AS THE INDESCRIBABLY POWERFUL BEAM STRIKES THE PEAK OF A LONG DEAD VOLCANO ON A LONELY CRATER ISLE, THE ISOLATED MOUNTAIN BLAZES INTO NEW LIFE, HURLING OFF ITS PEAK WITH A THUNDEROUS ROAR!
THEN, SLOWLY, AWESOMELY, A STRANGE AND OMINOUS FIGURE BEGINS TO MOVE UPWARD... TOWARDS THE SURFACE...
A POWERFUL, SINISTER FIGURE WHICH WILL REPRESENT ONE OF THE GREATEST MENACES THE FANTASTIC FOUR HAVE EVER FACED!!
FINALLY, REACHING THE SUMMIT OF THE VOLCANO, THE FIGURE STOPS AND PONDERS FOR A MOMENT! THEN, AS THOUGH REACHING A MOMENTOUS DECISION, IT BURSTS INTO FLAME AND FLASHES AWAY TOWARDS THE MAINLAND, LIKE A FIERY COMET...
I KNOW WHAT MUST BE DONE... AND NOTHING SHALL STOP ME!
WHILE, BACK AT F.F. HEAD-QUARTERS...
I'M GLAD YOU WERE ABLE TO COME, ALICIA! IT'S TIME TO CHECK BEN AGAIN, AND I KNEW YOU'D WANT TO BE HERE!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE GONNA LOSE THE BIG GUY!
OR MAYBE I JUST DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT!
BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT THOSE AFTER-EFFECTS YOU MENTIONED, REED! I--I HOPE NOTHING HAPPENS TO BEN...!
LISTEN! SOME-ONE IS COMING! LOOK!
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NOW WALKS THE ANDROID!
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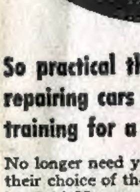

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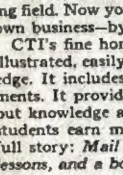

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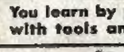

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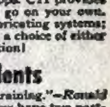

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HE DOESN'T KNOW ME!! HE DOESN'T REMEMBER ME! OH, SUE... I'VE LOST HIM!
DON'T, ALICIA DEAR! IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT! REED WILL FIX THINGS SOME HOW!
EVERYTHING CHECKED OUT! WE WERE SO CLOSE TO SUCCESS! POOR BEN...
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO NOW, REED?
I'VE GOT TO REVERSE THE MICRO-ELECTRIC WAVES! IT'S LESS THAN 24 HOURS! THERE'S STILL TIME TO CHANGE HIM TO THE THING!
IT'S WHAT HE'D WANT! BEING BEN GRIMM WOULD BE MEANINGLESS TO HIM WITHOUT HIS MEMORY... WITHOUT HIS LOVE FOR ALICIA!
HIYA, STRETCH! HEY, I'M STILL MY OLD LOVEABLE SELF! WHAT GIVES??
I'M AFRAID I FAILED, BEN! THE CHANGE DIDN'T WORK OUT!
SOME HOT-SHOT SCIENTIST YOU ARE! MAYBE I SHOULDA TEAMED UP WITH DOC DOOM!
I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT, BEN... BUT I'LL KEEP TRYING --- I PROMISE!
BIG DEAL!
HI, ALICIA! BOY, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU! NOW THE DAY AIN'T A COMPLETE WASTE!
OH, BEN! IT'S YOU! YOU'RE YOURSELF AGAIN! I'M SO HAPPY!
REED, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL HIM THAT THE EXPERIMENT DID WORK? THE CHANGE WOULD HAVE BEEN PERMANENT! IT WAS ONLY HIS MEMORY THAT SUFFERED! YOU DIDN'T FAIL COMPLETELY...!
NO, DEAR! IT'S BETTER THIS WAY! THE DISAPPOINTMENT WON'T BE AS KEEN!
BOY! I WONDER IF HE KNOWS WHAT A GREAT PAL YOU REALLY ARE, REED?
YOU'D LET HIM THINK YOU WERE A COMPLETE FLOP, IN ORDER TO SOFTEN THE BLOW FOR HIM!
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MEANWHILE THE STRANGE CREATURE WE HAD SEEN
THE DISTANCE, HE DIVES
FROM A FLAMING
SEAGOING STALKER!
I'M ALMOST WITHIN SIGHT OF MY GOAL!
AT THIS HOUR THE STREETS ARE DARK, ALMOST DESERTED! NONE WILL SEE ME!
A SHORT TIME LATER IN THE LONELY CELL OF DR.
HE IS THE ONE I SEEK! AND NOW, IT IS A SIMPLE MATTER TO REARRANGE THE EARTHLY
AM I LOSING MY MIND? I SEEM TO
ANOTHER PRESENCE
NO! THERE IS SOMEONE HERE! SOMEONE BEHIND ME!! BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE IN THIS VAST UNIVERSE, DR. STORM!
A MIRROR!!
SILENCE! I MUST WORK FAST! YOU ARE ABOUT TO TAKE
FROM
NEVER RETURN!

THE NEXT MORNING, TWO FAMOUS VISITORS APPEAR AT THE WARDEN'S OFFICE...
OF COURSE I'LL ISSUE A PASS FOR YOU TO SEE YOUR FATHER! IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE HE'S HAD ANY CALLERS!
POOR DAD! HE DIDN'T WANT US TO SEE HIM! HE WANTED US TO FORGET HIM... AS IF WE COULD!
HE WOULDN'T LET ANYONE TELL US WHERE HE WAS! HE... HE SACRIFICED SO MUCH FOR US!
"I REMEMBER HOW IT ALL BEGAN THOSE LONG YEARS AGO WHEN WE WERE A HAPPY LOVING FAMILY..."
THE MEDICAL SOCIETY IS GIVING A DINNER IN YOUR FATHER'S HONOR, CHILDREN! WE WON'T BE BACK TILL LATE!
WILL YOU COOK DINNER FOR JOHNNY, SUE DEAR?
OF COURSE, DADDY! GOSH, WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!
I WISH I WAS A GREAT SURGEON, TOO!
"BUT... DAD NEVER REACHED THAT DINNER! FOR, THE CAR SUFFERED A BLOWOUT ON THE WAY, AND... POOR MOTHER...!"
MARY! MARY! OH, NO! NO! NOT YOU!!
"DAD HAD MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPED UNSCATHED, BUT MOTHER WAS CRITICALLY INJURED!"
YOU DID YOUR BEST, FRANKLIN! BUT IT WAS HOPELESS! NO ONE COULD HAVE SAVED HER!
I'VE SAVED SO MANY... BUT NOW... MY OWN WIFE... MY OWN WIFE...!
"DAD NEVER RECOVERED FROM THE SHOCK! HE GAVE UP HIS MEDICAL PRACTICE... LIFE SEEMED TO HOLD NO MEANING FOR HIM! HE BLAMED HIMSELF FOR MOTHER'S FATE... AND HE SLID DOWN... AND DOWN..."
YOU'VE LOST ENOUGH TONIGHT, STORM! WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME?
WHAT FOR? MARY ISN'T THERE! SHE'S GONE! I'LL BET IT ALL ON THE RED!
"FINALLY HIS GAMBLING LOSSES TOOK ALL HIS MONEY! THEN, HE BORROWED FROM AN UNDERWORLD LOAN SHARK! AND, WHEN HE COULDN'T REPAY IN TIME..."
NO! YOU CAN'T THREATEN ME OR MY CHILDREN! THEY'RE ALL I HAVE!
PUT AWAY THAT GUN! IT'LL GO OFF! IT'LL... ONHH!
"STILL RIDDLED BY GUILT FEELINGS, DAD WOULD SAY NOTHING IN HIS OWN DEFENSE AT THE TRIAL. AND HE SILENTLY ACCEPTED THE SENTENCE OF 20 YEARS TO LIFE FOR MANSLAUGHTER."
BUT HE NEVER MEANT TO HURT ANYONE! IF ONLY WE HAD BEEN ABLE TO TESTIFY... TO HELP HIM! HE DID IT TO SAVE US!
HE'LL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE ONE DAY, AND PERHAPS HIS GOOD RECORD WILL SPEAK IN HIS FAVOR! AND NOW I KNOW YOU WANT TO SEE HIM...
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MINUTES LATER.
YOU HAVE FIFTEEN MINUTES, STORM!
I WILL NOT NEED THAT LONG!
DAD LOOKS SO ANGRY.. SO DIFFERENT!!
HELLO, DAD! WE..WE KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE US TO COME HERE, BUT WE WANTED TO SEE YOU SO BADLY...
WE WANTED YOU TO KNOW WE'RE WORKING ON YOUR PAROLE...TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN...
THAT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY!
WHA-- WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I SHALL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN! PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR THE SURPRISE OF YOUR LIFE!!
DURING MY YEARS HERE, I HAVE WORKED IN THE PRISON LABORATORY! NOBODY EVER SUSPECTED THAT I WAS MAKING MYSELF INVINCIBLE!
IN-VINCIBLE?
SOME-THING'S WRONG! WITH HIM! SOME THING BAD!!
SIT IN YOUR CHAIR, STORM! YOU KNOW THE RULES!
RULES NO LONGER APPLY TO THE INVINCIBLE MAN!
HE... HE'S VANISHING!
INVISIBILITY IS BUT ONE OF MY POWERS! WHATEVER THE FANTASTIC FOUR CAN DO, I CAN DO BETTER! NOW I SHALL ESCAPE, USING THE STRENGTH OF THE THING!
BAM!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! BUT... HE DID IT! HE ESCAPED BEFORE OUR EYES!
WELL...DON'T JUST STAND THERE! WE'VE GOTTA TURN ON THE ALARM!!
DAD!!
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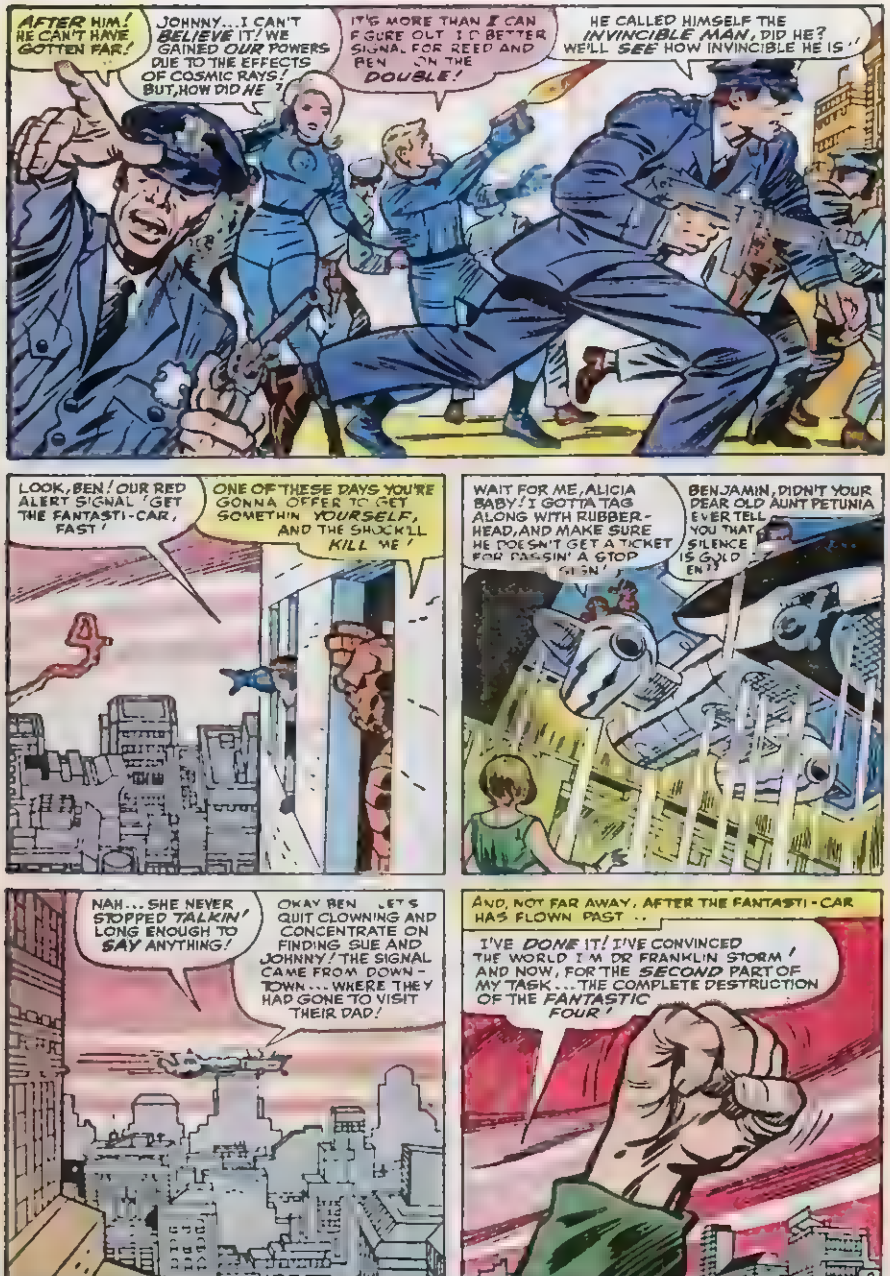

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BOYS! MEN!

MY SECRET NEW DYNAFLEX METHOD

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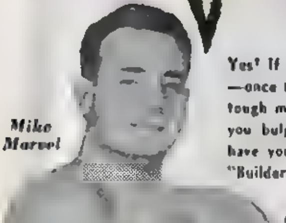

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Or is your problem a body sagging with soft [illegible] ... FAT? [illegible] ... And with NO [illegible] ... NO expense [illegible]

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ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

[illegible] Take a good long [illegible] starved [illegible] ... rippling, steely he-man MEAT [illegible] PACK EVERY INCH [illegible] MAN [illegible] ... NO high priced [illegible]

HOW DYNAFLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

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DYNAFLEX coaxes each muscle in your body [illegible] shiny symmetry. DYNAFLEX packs that [illegible] energy—FAST. In ten minutes a day I [illegible] cover your bony frame with healthy rippling [illegible]

Why waste time and money why sweat and strain your way to a streamlined symmetrical [illegible] faster—easier with the DYNAFLEX SECRET?

STRONG-MAN BODY THAT'S ADMIRED!

[illegible] KNOW you envy [illegible] magnificent build [illegible] tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springy, power-packed legs. Be a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE APPEAL [illegible]

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome [illegible] a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel [illegible]. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof [illegible]. Pack your body with energy and [illegible]

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After DYNAFLEX [illegible] ... to your weak, flabby frame [illegible] venture and romance with [illegible] ... crowd around to squeeze your iron biceps [illegible] ... about the Magic Secret of [illegible]

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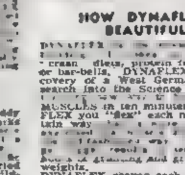

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- ☐ Mold mighty back, broad beefy shoulders
- ☐ [illegible] on skinny wrists and arms
- ☐ Develop [illegible] power

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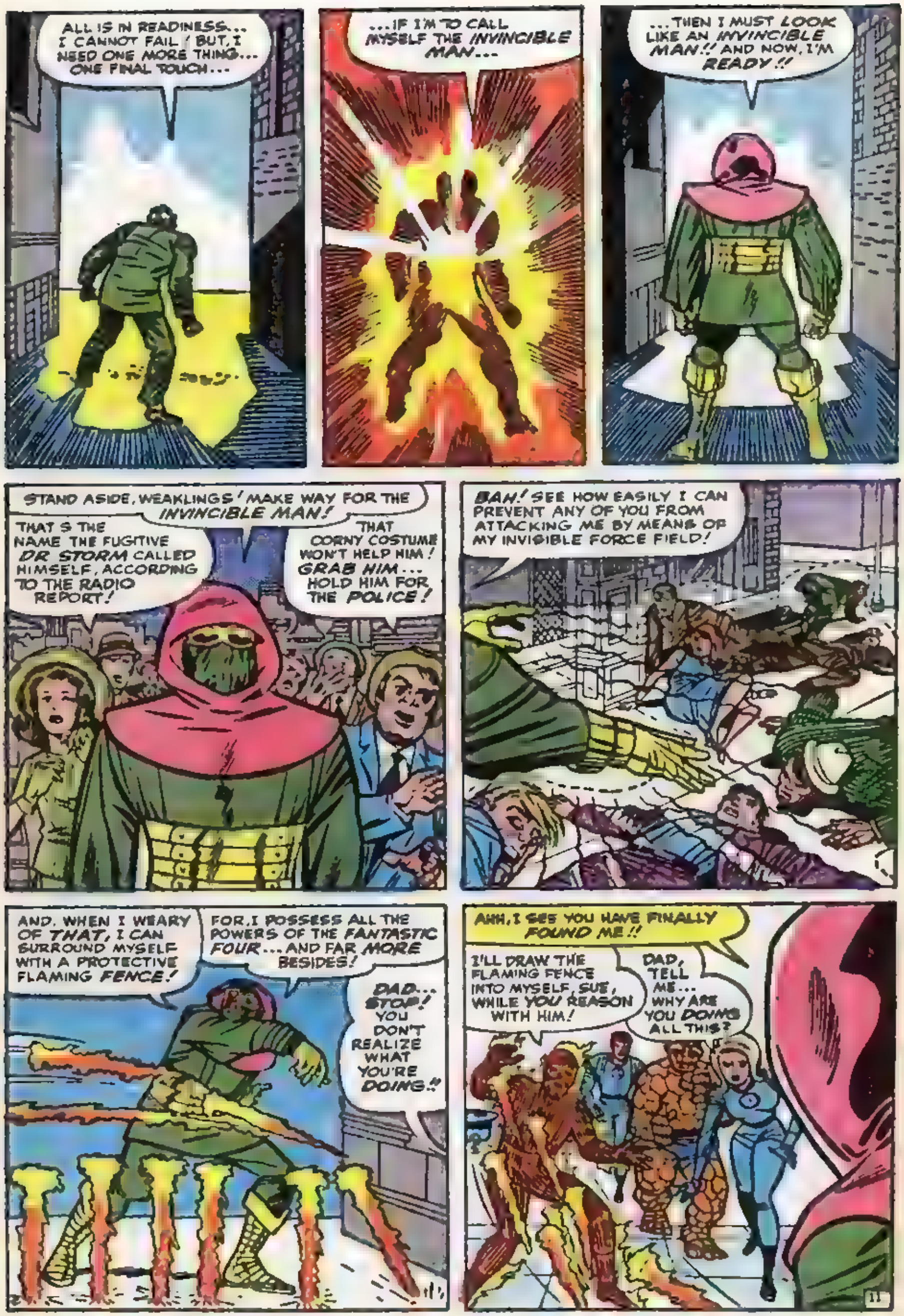

ALL IS IN READINESS... I CANNOT FAIL! BUT, I NEED ONE MORE THING... ONE FINAL TOUCH...
...IF I'M TO CALL MYSELF THE INVINCIBLE MAN...
...THEN I MUST LOOK LIKE AN INVINCIBLE MAN!! AND NOW, I'M READY!!
STAND ASIDE, WEAKLINGS! MAKE WAY FOR THE INVINCIBLE MAN!
THAT'S THE NAME THE FUGITIVE DR STORM CALLED HIMSELF, ACCORDING TO THE RADIO REPORT!
THAT CORNY COSTUME WON'T HELP HIM! GRAB HIM... HOLD HIM FOR THE POLICE!
BAH! SEE HOW EASILY I CAN PREVENT ANY OF YOU FROM ATTACKING ME BY MEANS OF MY INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD!
AND, WHEN I WEARY OF THAT, I CAN SURROUND MYSELF WITH A PROTECTIVE FLAMING FENCE!
FOR, I POSSESS ALL THE POWERS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR... AND FAR MORE BESIDES!
DAD... STOP! YOU DON'T REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE DOING!!
AHH, I SEE YOU HAVE FINALLY FOUND ME!!
I'LL DRAW THE FLAMING FENCE INTO MYSELF, SUE, WHILE YOU REASON WITH HIM!
DAD, TELL ME... WHY ARE YOU DOING ALL THIS?
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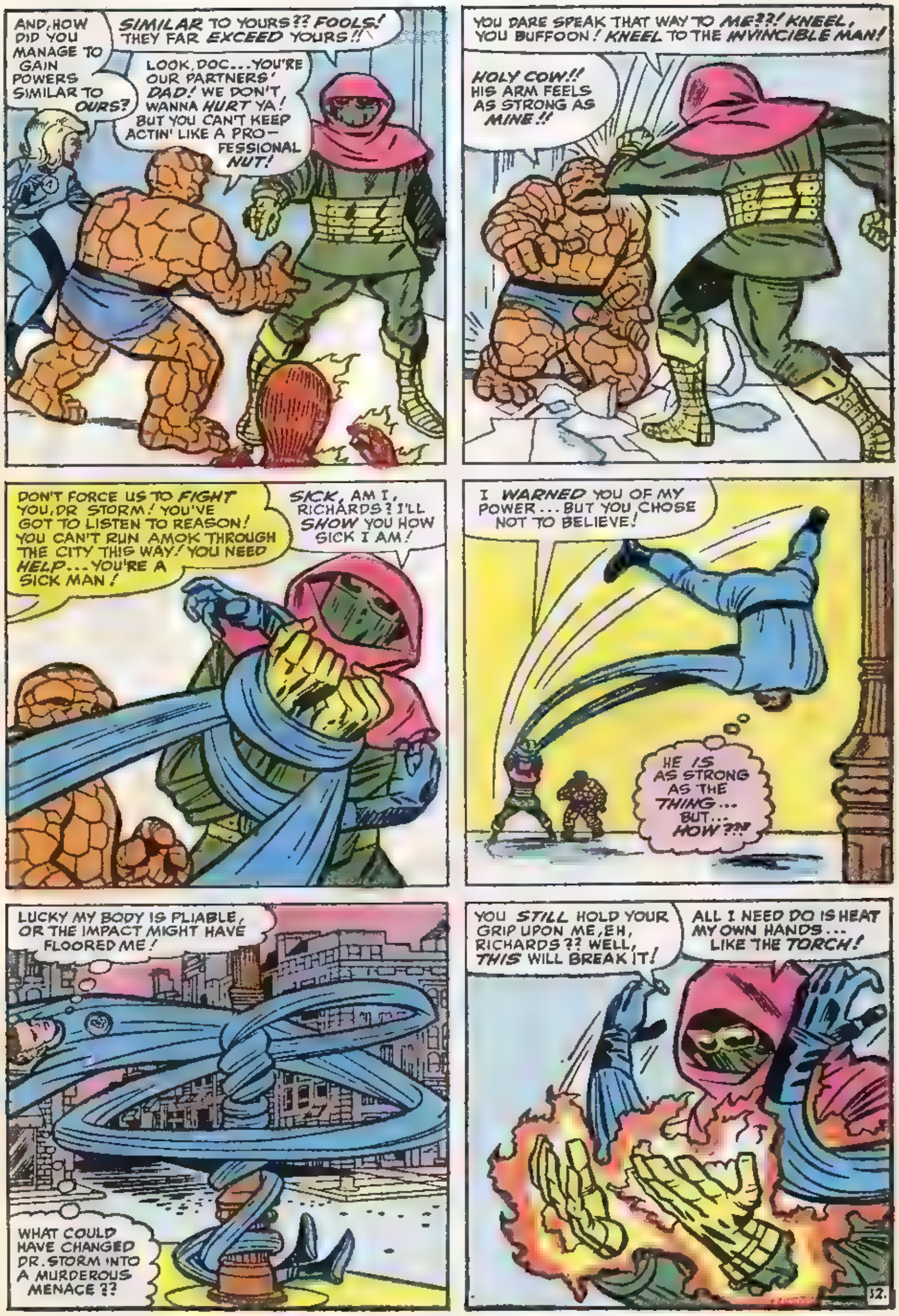
AND, HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO GAIN POWERS SIMILAR TO OURS?
SIMILAR TO YOURS?? FOOLS! THEY FAR EXCEED YOURS!!
LOOK, DOC... YOU'RE OUR PARTNERS' DAD! WE DON'T WANNA HURT YA! BUT YOU CAN'T KEEP ACTIN' LIKE A PRO-FESSIONAL NUT!
YOU DARE SPEAK THAT WAY TO ME??! KNEEL, YOU BUFFOON! KNEEL TO THE INVINCIBLE MAN!
HOLY COW!! HIS ARM FEELS AS STRONG AS MINE!!
DON'T FORCE US TO FIGHT YOU, DR STORM! YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO REASON! YOU CAN'T RUN AMOK THROUGH THE CITY THIS WAY! YOU NEED HELP... YOU'RE A SICK MAN!
SICK, AM I, RICHARDS? I'LL SHOW YOU HOW SICK I AM!
I WARNED YOU OF MY POWER... BUT YOU CHOSE NOT TO BELIEVE!
HE IS AS STRONG AS THE THING... BUT... HOW?!!
LUCKY MY BODY IS PLIABLE, OR THE IMPACT MIGHT HAVE FLOORED ME!
WHAT COULD HAVE CHANGED DR. STORM INTO A MURDEROUS MENACE??
YOU STILL HOLD YOUR GRIP UPON ME, EH, RICHARDS?? WELL, THIS WILL BREAK IT!
ALL I NEED DO IS HEAT MY OWN HANDS... LIKE THE TORCH!
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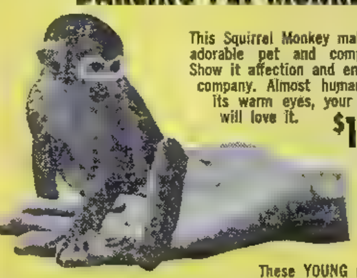

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TWANNG!
BEN!! LOOK OUT!! STAND ASIDE!!
CAN'T HELP MYSELF, PAL! SUE'S GOT ME IN THAT BLAMED INVISIBLE FORCE-FIELD OF HERS!!
THANK YOU, YOUNG LADY! THAT WAS MOST HELPFUL OF YOU!!
FORGIVE ME, REED! I...I HAD TO DO IT! I JUST COULDN'T TAKE A CHANCE OF YOUR HURTING DAD!
YOU HAVE BEEN HURTING HIM FAR MORE BY PROTECTING HIM, SUE!
HEY, WHAT'S GOIN' ON? ARE WE STARTING TO FIGHT EACH OTHER NOW??
GET OFFA ME, WILLYA? I FEEL LIKE A MATTRESS!!
IF I'M THE LEADER OF THIS GROUP, YOU'VE GOT TO TRUST ME... OBEY ME IMPLICITLY!!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SO UPSET... SO ANNOYED WITH ME!!
THERE! THANKS TO YOUR INTERFERENCE, HE'S GOTTEN AWAY! AND JUST WHEN WE ALMOST HAD HIM!
WHAT DO YA WANT WE SHOULD DO, TEACHER. STAND IN THE CORNER?
SHUT UP, BEN! WE'RE IN A JAM NOW!
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AND THEN, REED RICHARDS' WORST FEARS ARE REALIZED, AS A HOSTILE CROWD BEGINS TO FOLLOW THE FRUSTRATED FOURSOME...!
BOO! YOU LET HIM GET AWAY JUST BECAUSE HE'S RELATED TO YA!
SOME CRIME-FIGHTERS YOU ARE!
HE WOULDN'T HAVE ESCAPED THE AVENGERS!
THOSE FOUR PHONIES OUGHTTA BE RUN OUTTA TOWN!
HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'RE NOT IN CAHOOTS WITH H.M.?
HE'S GOT THE SAME POWERS AS YOU! THAT'S MIGHTY SUSPICIOUS I SAY
YOU DON'T MIND CATCHIN' CROOKS AS LONG AS THEY'RE NOT FRIENDS OR RELATIVES, HUH?
THE F.F. ARE PROBABLY BEHIND THE INVINCIBLE MAN!
LISTEN TO THE UGLY MOOD OF THE CROWD... AND... IT'S ALL MY FAULT! REED WAS RIGHT!
PHOOEY! MOBS DON'T WORRY ME! TOMORROW THEY'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT THIS!
NOT IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT DAD, THEY WON'T!
AND THE WORDS OF JOHNNY STORM PROVE TO BE PROPHETIC! FOR, THE NEXT DAY, THE PRESS TAKES UP THE HUE AND CRY
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LATER, ATOP THE BAXTER BUILDING TOWER SUITE...
BOY! THIS BUSINESS OF BEIN' THE IDOL OF MILLIONS AIN'T WHAT IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO... I'VE GOT TO RESIGN FROM THE F.F.!
YOU 'N ME BOTH, SIS! WE'RE NO GOOD TO REED ANY MORE HE'LL BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT US!
I'D BETTER GO IN AND TALK TO HIM!
REED, SUE AND I HAVE BEEN THINKING THE BEST THING TO DO IS...
YOU TWO HAVE DONE ENOUGH THINKING! I'LL HANDLE THAT DEPARTMENT FROM NOW ON! YOU GET READY FOR ACTION! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
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YOU MEAN... YOU STILL WANT US... AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED??
YES! YOU'RE BOTH HABIT-FORMING! NOW HELP ME BUCKLE THIS MACHINE ON MY BACK!
SURE! B-BUT WHAT IS IT?
YOU'LL FIND OUT LATER! MOVE, BOY!
AND THEN
NOW, LISTEN, ALL OF YOU! YOUR REST PERIOD'S OVER! WHERE HAS THE INVINCIBLE MAN LAST BEEN SIGHTED??
AT THE WORLD'S FAIR, REED, BUT...
DON'T JUST SIT THERE! LET'S GO!
HOLD IT, STRETCH! WHAT IN THE DING-DONG SAM HILL IS GOIN' ON HERE?
STOW IT, BEN! I'M THROUGH EXPLAINING! YOU THREE ARE GOING TO LEARN TO FOLLOW ORDERS BLINDLY, IF NEED BE!
NOW LET'S GET TO THAT FAIR!
EXACTLY TWENTY MINUTES LATER...
LOOK ALIVE, BEN! HURL THAT MECHANICAL DISPLAY BACK AT HIM!
SO! YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED TO STAY AWAY FROM ME YET!
OR PERHAPS YOU CAME TO SEE THE EXHIBITS??
IF SO, HERE'S ONE YOU CAN HAVE FOR FREE!!
OKAY, BUT STOP SHOUTIN', STRING-BEAN! YA WANNA MAKE ME NEUROTIC!?
WHAP!
THERE! LET 'IM CHEW ON THIS FOR A WHILE!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN SO SOON THAT I POSSESS THE POWER OF SUE'S INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD!??

WE'VE FORGOTTEN NOTHING! I NOW POSSESS THE POWER TO DESTROY YOU.
REED! NO! HE'S STILL MY FATHER!
DON'T DO IT, REED!
HE'S NOT YOUR FATHER!! I KNOW AT LAST WHO HE REALLY IS...AND I KNOW HOW TO BEAT HIM!
THIS IS AN ULTRA-SONIC RADIO TRANSMITTER I'M HOLDING...AND I HAVE IT BEAMED TO YOUR HOME GALAXY! I'M CONTACTING THEM NOW...TELLING THEM TO RETURN THE REAL DR. STORM...OR WE'LL FIGHT YOU TO THE DEATH!
NO! NO! YOU COULDN'T HAVE FOUND OUT! YOU COULDN'T!
WE COULD, AND DID! ONCE AGAIN YOU MADE THE FATAL MISTAKE OF UNDERESTIMATING THE HUMAN BRAIN
SO STARTLED IS THEIR FOE, THAT REED MANAGES TO LAND A CRUSHING BLOW BEFORE HE CAN REACT...
YES!! BUT NOW THERE IS NO MORE NEED FOR DISGUISE! NOW I CAN BE MYSELF AGAIN!! I CAN DISSOLVE THIS ACCURSED HUMAN GUISE...
IT..IT'S THE SUPER-SKRULL!!
OF COURSE, WITLESS FEMALE! DID YOU THINK MY HOME PLANET WOULD ALLOW ME TO BE TRAPPED IN THAT VOLCANO FOREVER?!*
* SEE FANTASTIC FOUR #18... EDITOR.
BUT...WHAT ABOUT MY FATHER??
DON'T WORRY, DEAR... THEY'RE GOING TO RETURN HIM TO EARTH...TO TRADE HIM FOR THE SUPER SKRULL. SEE THEY'VE STARTED THE PRISONER EXCHANGE!
THEY KNEW WE COULD DEFEAT THEM IN A FAIR FIGHT! BUT THEY GAMBLED ON CONVINCING US THAT HE WAS YOUR FATHER...TO DIVIDE US AND WEAKEN US! WHEN I CONTACTED THEM, THEY KNEW THE GAME WAS UP! THEY'LL RETURN YOUR DAD, SUE...THEY'VE NO FURTHER NEED FOR HIM!
BUT HOW COULD YOU HAVE GUESSED?? THERE WERE NO CLUES...!
LET'S RETURN TO HQ, DEAR... AND I'LL EXPLAIN...
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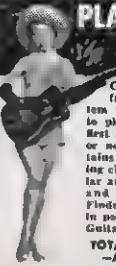

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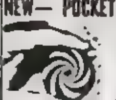

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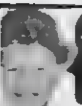

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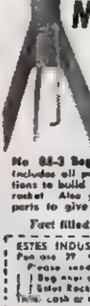

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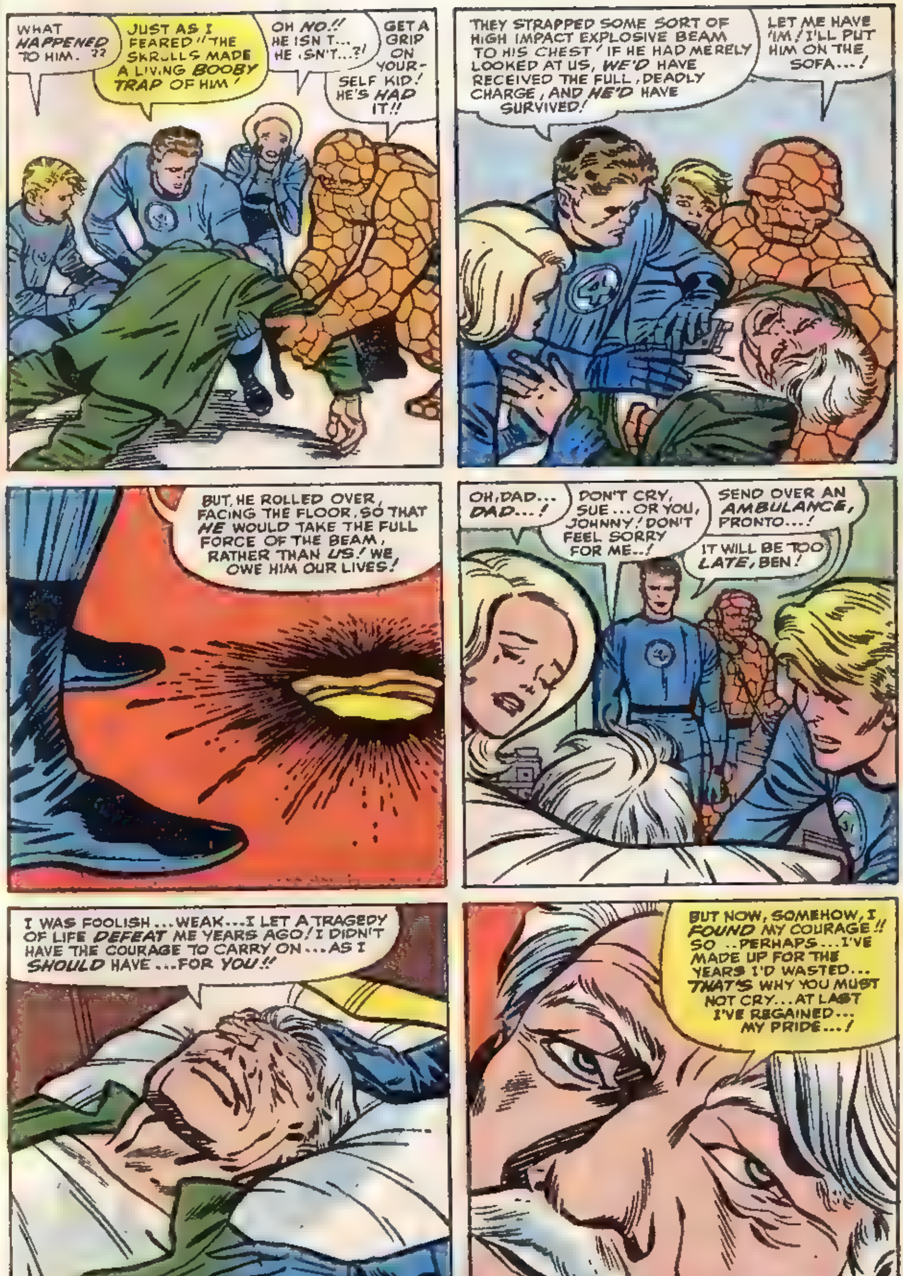
EASY, KID! THE WORST IS OVER NOW!
DON'T BE TOO SURE BEN! THE SKRULLS ARE AN INHUMAN, MERCILESS RACE! THEY'RE CAPABLE OF ANYTHING!
THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION OF THEIR PLANET WILL MAKE THEM RETURN YOUR FATHER... BUT WE MUST STILL BE WARY OF ANY TRICK, ANY DEADLY DECEPTION!
WHY DOESN'T SOMETHING HAPPEN!!? THE SUSPENSE IS KILLING!
LOOK! THERE'S THE RAY! NOW KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED!!
A FIGURE IS APPEARING!! IT-- IT'S DAD!
IF I SAW THIS IN A COMIC BOOK, I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT!
STOP! STAY BACK... WE MUST BE SURE!
DAD! IT'S REALLY YOU!
HE'S ALIVE! I CAN SEE HIM BREATHING!
HOW ABOUT THAT!
BUT THEN, SUDDENLY, THE STUNNED FIGURE LOOKS ABOUT HIM AND EXCLAIMS IN FEAR...
NO! GO BACK! STAY AWAY FROM ME!
DAD!



WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM. ??
JUST AS I FEARED!! THE SKRULLS MADE A LIVING BOOBY TRAP OF HIM!
OH NO!! HE ISN'T... HE ISN'T...?!
GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF KID! HE'S HAD IT!!
THEY STRAPPED SOME SORT OF HIGH IMPACT EXPLOSIVE BEAM TO HIS CHEST! IF HE HAD MERELY LOOKED AT US, WE'D HAVE RECEIVED THE FULL, DEADLY CHARGE, AND HE'D HAVE SURVIVED!
LET ME HAVE 'IM! I'LL PUT HIM ON THE SOFA...!
BUT, HE ROLLED OVER, FACING THE FLOOR, SO THAT HE WOULD TAKE THE FULL FORCE OF THE BEAM, RATHER THAN US! WE OWE HIM OUR LIVES!
OH, DAD... DAD...!
DON'T CRY, SUE... OR YOU, JOHNNY! DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR ME..!
SEND OVER AN AMBULANCE, PRONTO...!
IT WILL BE TOO LATE, BEN!
I WAS FOOLISH... WEAK... I LET A TRAGEDY OF LIFE DEFEAT ME YEARS AGO! I DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO CARRY ON... AS I SHOULD HAVE... FOR YOU!!
BUT NOW, SOMEHOW, I FOUND MY COURAGE!! SO ..PERHAPS... I'VE MADE UP FOR THE YEARS I'D WASTED... THAT'S WHY YOU MUST NOT CRY... AT LAST I'VE REGAINED... MY PRIDE...!
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THINK KINDLY OF ME, MY CHILDREN.. ALWAYS REMEMBER...I LOVED YOU... NEVER FORGET HOW PROUD YOU MADE ME... WITH YOUR HONOR...YOUR VALOR.. YOUR SELFLESS LOVE...
MY LIFE HAS BEEN LONELY...ALL THESE YEARS... BUT NOW I'LL BE LONELY NO MORE... DO YOU HEAR?-I'LL BE LONELY NO MORE
...FOR I'M GOING..TO JOIN...MY BELOVED... MARY...
DAD!!!
HE.. HE'S GONE!!
RICHARDS, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? THERE WAS A REPORT OF AN EXPLOSION! DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
COME IN, OFFICERS! I CAN EXPLAIN...
I DON'T TAKE MUCH STOCK IN WHAT THE PAPERS SAY ABOUT YOU...I KNOW THE GREAT THINGS YOU'VE DONE IN THE PAST! BUT YOU'VE BEEN ACTING MIGHTY STRANGE LATELY, SINCE THIS INVINCIBLE MAN BUSINESS...!
YOU NEED WORRY ABOUT THAT NO LONGER, CAPTAIN!
THE CASE IS.. CLOSED!
SAY! THAT'S HIM... ON THE BED! OR... OR IS IT??
CAPTAIN, THAT IS THE LATE DR FRANKLIN STORM . ONE OF THE FINEST, BRAVEST MEN I'VE EVER HAD THE HONOR OF KNOWING!
HOW. DID IT HAPPEN, RICHARDS?
I'LL GIVE YOU A FULL ACCOUNT LATER! BUT, FOR NOW, LET US SAY THAT HE DIED...A HERO!
AND SO, ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE LIVES OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR COMES TO A CLOSE! THE EDITORS FEEL THIS IS NOT THE TIME NOR PLACE FOR ADVERTISING OUR NEXT ISSUE...SO LET US MERELY SAY FAREWELL FOR NOW, AS WE LEAVE OUR SILENT FRIENDS ALONE... WITH THEIR GRIEF!
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SEND YOUR LETTERS TO:
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THE MARVEL COMICS GROUP
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N. Y.

FANTASTIC FAN PAGE 4

Dear Stan and Jack,

After a long and arduous day of classes at the University of Buffalo one would naturally think that we would continue our quest for knowledge by sitting down at our tidy little desks and completing our homework assignments. But, to our joy and happiness, we find no calculus or psychology book in our hands—what we do find is the latest issue of the FF! You were right in your answer to a fan in issue #28—"Wait'll you go to college, Harry, you'll love 'em!" And we really do! Thanks for all the great issues in the past—keep them coming!

Steve Kark, Dave Lewis, Lew Kaufman, Art Wendrow
Univ. of Buffalo, 508-H Allenhurst Rd.
Buffalo 26, N. Y.

It's a deal, guys! You keep reading 'em, and *nobody'll* make us stop writing 'em!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Who does that guy in issue #28 think he is telling you that your art is not the best in the field? Personally, I think it is! Jack I've followed your progress through the years and know that when you have a good artist on the inks, you are second to none. What do I like about your art? I like the life, the action you put into your characters. I like your use of perspective—you are the only artist around who can do three-point perspective properly. I like your backgrounds—the buildings, clouds, machinery, etc.—especially the machinery. I like your brilliant lighting effects. Finally, I like your characterization. The characters you draw, such as the FF, are people, not just robots acting like people. (This, of course, is due a lot to Stan.) So Jack, when someone tells you that you are not the best in the field, don't listen. By the way, once—just once—I'd like to see you ink your own pencils. Let someone else do the work you would miss and sit down and show people what you can do.

John Lasruk, 77 Kanarick Cres.
Downsview, Ont., Canada

Jack says you're a livin' doll, J.L.! And, just for you, and the many others who've asked him to ink his own pencils just once, king Kirby promises he will as soon as he gets some spare time! We'll be sure to announce it when the time comes!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Realizing that MARVEL COMICS are much more than an adolescent amusement, many Bardians have expressed an interest in these as the source of a new mythology. The stories more closely portray the scientific ethos of the times than any other documents published for the vulgate. Though to many others they seem to consist of light matter, we have become attuned to these and their role in promoting cultural unity and integration.

Isabelle Kamishlian and J. Geoffrey Magnus
Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Thanks a heap, gang! And we'll try to have a snazzy answer for you as soon as we can get ol' Reed to translate what you said!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Ho-hum! Another month, another bunch of classics, but then what else can one expect from you chaps! FF#29 was once again sublime with the beautiful Kirby-Stone artwork giving just the right impact to Stan's sparkling script. As for that last panel on page 11, I could rave all day and still not run out of words. When my beady little eyes first glinted hungrily at that panel, hydrogen bombs exploded inside my brain and I was swept away by the sheer magnificence of it. Please, fellas, don't do that too often unless you want to see me die young! However, I regret to inform you that I found one flaw in this otherwise perfect masterpiece, a flaw that is, regrettably, very common with you. When we last saw the Red Ghost in FF #13 he was stuck on the moon being chased around by three super-powered apes livid with hatred and waving Mr. Fantastic's paralyzer ray at him. Now suddenly you bring him back in full control of his apes without one single word of explanation. This isn't the first time you've brought back a villain without properly explaining how. You did it when you revived the Puppet Master in FF #14 after Reed had pronounced him dead in FF #8. Some scientist—can't even tell whether a chap is living or dead but is bright enough to come up with a super-amplified-cosmic-powered-radio-active-doohickey-ray at a moment's notice! In conclusion, I'll wish you good luck on all forthcoming books, but Stan, don't pull any more returning villains out of your hat. Next time tell us how they remade the scene—o.k.? o.k.!

George R. R. Martin, 35 E. First St.
Bayonne, N. J.

Wow! Are our faces red! You want the *truth, Georgie*? We just plain FORGOT where we last left the Red Ghost, and didn't have time to look the issue up because the printer was breathing down our necks with our deadline! But, suppose we offer another generous no-prize to the reader who can come up with the best explanation of how he saved himself? (That oughta win the "sneakiest editor" award of the year!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

FF #29 was one of the greatest stories ever published. I'm not going into that though—I am going into the cover. It was the greatest ever conceived for a comic magazine! The only lettering on it was the title. The artwork was excellent. The artist gave a peaceful scene, but added a mysterious air to it. The Watcher, calmly watching the scene outlined against the night sky, topped it off. Also, thanks for publishing SGT. FURY and the AVENGERS monthly. You won't regret it!

Joe Hartlaub, 113 Blue Hill Lane,
Akron, Ohio

Joey boy, the only thing we ever regret is the fact that there aren't enough hours in the day to turn out all the mags we'd like to! We appreciate your kind sentiments, and the Watcher sends his regards!

Dear Stan and Jack,

When I came to the Special Announcements section in the end of your last issue, I groaned when I saw that the Red Ghost and his indescribable Super Apes were coming back. Now don't jump to conclusions—I thought that the original Red Ghost yarn was just great but my opinion of him was that he was the type that should go for just one issue and no sequels. Another Red Ghost tale would spoil the effect created by the original. But when I read the latest FF I discovered how wrong I was. The new Red Ghost battle was even greater. The addition of the Yancy Street Gang quarrel and Thing's almost breaking up with Alicia helped bring this story up to a new standard of excellence. Chic Stone's inking was beautiful—don't ever let him get away. With all these things going for the story, what more could you need? Well, you gave it more. In this issue I saw perhaps the most ingenious idea in comic book history. I am referring of course to page 11 where you had a drawing of the Red Ghost's spaceship superimposed over an actual photo of the moon. No comment could be made on this except "Marvel leads the way!"

Chris Lampton, 6614 22nd Place
Hyattsville, Md.

Thanks, Chris! And, we can hear ol' Jack muttering in the background—"Yeah, we lead alright, but where the heck are we goin'?"

Dear Stan and Jack,

Much as I like all your comics it does get a bit tiring reading all the praise readers write in your letter column. The problem is you leave so little, if any, room for complaint! Trivialities per se aren't worth bickering about so

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let's concentrate on the fine points. FF #29 was in itself not just another simply great issue but also it becomes one of your many "classics". "It Started on Yancy Street" was superbly added to as of page 11 where you printed probably the world's first photo-within a comic. The lunar landscape is a genuinely unique touch! The addition of the Watcher is also a masterful stroke of your usual genius justifying itself. Letters from students, both grade school and university level, attest to the significance of MARVEL among today's readers. Your comments in ish #29, in regard to quality/value of comics relating to true classic books were indeed very provocative.

Ronn Foss, 1005 Hughes
Van Wert, Ohio

Boy, your first sentence kinda scared us, Ronn! But y'know, we *have* been getting so much mail lately from college students that we may send the whole blamed staff back to school for refresher courses, just to be able to keep up with our frantic fans!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I've just finished reading FF #29 and it was great! I've never seen anything like it. There was only one thing missing in it—that was "Romance"! I'm a romance bug. I once wrote asking for romance and you told me to see FF #27. I admit it was touching but Reed didn't kiss Sue once. Come on Jack, I'm sure you can draw a little smooching. I thought you would like to know I'm giving up all the other comic companies. This really is the Marvel Age of Comics!

Billy Davis, 112 Winter St.
Portland, Maine

We think it is too, Bill—but we don't know if it'll *remain* that way for long if we go overboard on the romance! Anyway, let's wait and see what the rest of our fans think.

Dear Stan and Jack,

The last two years have seen a great change in MARVEL. Now you have more mags than ever on the market . . . and probably a lot more headaches. But did you ever consider how many writers you have—one! You're going to kill poor Stan! Please give him an assistant or hire another author (don't ask me how or who). If he ever gets sick, your mags will go out of business. I'm curious about how many letters you receive for each Letters Page you print—how about telling us?

John Roberge, 20 Pine St.
Westbrook, Maine

As jolly Jack would say, don't worry about Stan—he's too blamed *ornery* to get sick! (Of course, some of our competitors have said he was sick for years!) And, to answer your other question, Johnny, we receive well over a hundred letters *daily*—or about 3,000 per month! How *about* that?

Dear Stan and Jack,

Billy Divine and I just wrote letters to the T.V. stations about having a Fantastic Four show and we really poured it on. By the time my pal and I get finished writing letters to them, they'll be driven clear out of their minds and they'll have to put an FF show on the air because it'll be on their consciences! How about putting the FF into the newspapers too? You would make a little more money. We'll never give up till we get an F.F. T.V. show! After we finish with FF we're going to start on the Avengers, X-Man. Thor, etc.

Stewart Turner, 117 Biltmore St.
No. Arlington, N. J.

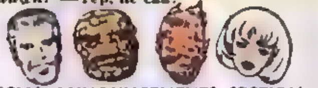
We appreciate your efforts, Stu, which are a bit unconventional, to say the least! But, if ever we *do* put the F.F. on t.v., we won't even have to change our style because, although not many fans know it, Stan has had movie writing experience and is a full-fledged member of the Academy of T.V. Arts and Sciences!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I think the FF is just great and I'll tell you why. 1) I like their costumes. 2) The stories are just great. 3) The FF work as a team, not everyone trying to be a big hero. 4) They're down to earth. 5) I like the friendship between the Thing and the Torch. Now I'll get to the parts I don't like! 1) Reed is too bossy. 2) The art started to get pretty bad starting around issue #21 but you've picked up since then. 3) The hairdo you've got for Sue is pretty bad. 4) Stop this mushy stuff between Reed and Sue because you bring it up at the wrong times. Get her married or something. 5) Bring in some more villains—you're reusing too many of them. Now that I'm through complaining I have just one question: When the Torch's flame is out can he be burned by a match?

Clayton Donahue, 467 East Northern
Springfield, Ohio

Good question, Clay! Wait a second and we'll find out! "*Yeooowwtch!*"—Yep, he can!



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

—Yes siree, whenever we do anything, we do it in a big way! And, to prove that modest little statement we herewith announce that every single Marvel hero mag has its own letters page section, starting right now! Now you can write whatever you want to write to any of our other mags, and perhaps the F.F. mailbox will be able to get a little breathing space for the first time in months!

—By now you've probably all bought and enjoyed our new 1964 annuals. (Unless you've been living on a desert isle somewhere!) Remember how we promised you that the MARVEL ANNUAL would contain absolutely unretouched photos of most of the bullpen gang? Well, after seeing those photos in print, we're sorry we DIDN'T retouch 'em! They sure printed up muddy! We're sorry they didn't reproduce with more clarity, and we'll try it again next year if possible—and by then, maybe our staff photographer will have found a camera that has a LENS in it!

—If you got a minute, how about dropping us a line and telling us which villains you'd like to see returned for more fun and games with the F.F.? We have our own favorites, but we're always anxious to know who YOURS are!

—Now, a few words about the Marvel mags which are on sale now . . .

—SPIDER-MAN #18 features a different type of tale (and aren't they all?) entitled "The End of Spider-Man!" A lot of readers are sure to hate it, so if you want to know what all the criticism is about, be sure to buy a copy! (How's THAT for a left-handed sell?)

—The adorable AVENGERS #9 are featuring a new character called Wonder Man who's worth the price of the mag by himself! Also, Don Heck drew this one, with Dick Ayers helping out on the inks, and you'll be amazed how closely it parallels king Kirby's great style!

—Ever hear of Killgrave, the Purple Man? Well, you'll hear plenty about him once DAREDEVIL #4 hits the stands. Ol' D.D. seems to be taking the comic reading public by storm, and ish #4 is probably the best yet! Incidentally, jolly Joe Orlando's art was never flashier!

—As for SGT. FURY, his commandos are howling louder than ever in ish #11! Any ex-serviceman is sure to get a big charge out of "The Crackdown of Cap't. Storm", and even if you haven't been in service, the chances are you'll be spellbound by the realistic characterization and the ever-mounting suspense!

—As for ASTONISH, featuring Giant Man and the Hulk —SUSPENSE, co-starring Iron Man and Captain America —STRANGE TALES, headlining the Human Torch, the Thing, and Dr. Strange—and THOR, featuring the golden-haired thunder god and his perilous playmates, what can we say except that we knocked ourselves out with 'em, and we're proud of the results!

—Next ish, we'll try to bring you a DIFFERENT type of F.F. epic, with a different angle and a few king-sized surprises! So, while you're counting the minutes till F.F. #33, see if you can guess what M.M.M.S. stands for? We'll tell you more about it next ish, and it's going to be one of the big news items of comicdom this year! Till we meet again, then, let's be thankful to Irving Forbush for expressing those tender sentiments which are so dear to us all—Make Mine Marvel!

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